

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

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Charles Russell,

Plaintiff,

**Civil File No. 03-4889 PAM/SRN**

vs.

Hennepin County; and Sheriff Patrick D. McGowan, Chief Deputy Michele Smolley, Inspector Thomas Merkel, and Former Inspector Richard Estensen, officially and individually,

**AFFIDAVIT OF  
INSPECTOR THOMAS MERKEL**

Defendants.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
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                          ) ss.  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN )

Thomas Merkel, after being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. I am presently employed by Hennepin County as an Inspector in the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office.
2. My first day of employment with Hennepin County was July 9, 2001.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

s/Thomas Merkel  
THOMAS MERKEL

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 11th day of August, 2004.

s/Jacqueline L. Schultz  
Notary Public